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2 Ex-CIA Aides Indicted For Libya Terror Plan Role

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A federal grand jury has indicted two former CIA employees on charges they conspired to smuggle explosives to Libya for a terror training project and to plot the \$1 million assassination of a Libyan defector, it was disclosed yesterday.

The grand jury, which returned a sealed indictment Wednesday, also charged a California explosives manufacturer with lying under oath to cover up the conspiracy.

The three are charged with supplying the explosives for the program, for use in such household items as ashtrays, lamps, alarm clocks, flower vases and boxes of tea.

The indictment was made public with the arrest in Beltsville, Md., of Frank Terpil, 42, a former CIA employee also alleged to have sold the Ugandan government of Idi Amin more than \$3 million in surveillance and special weapons.

The indictment was kept under seal for two days while federal authorities tried to locate one of the men, who still has not been found. The other ex-CIA official, Edwin Wilson, 52, is believed to be out of the country. Wilson's lawyers declined comment yesterday.

Also named in the 10-count indictment was Jerome Brower, president of J.S. Brower and Associates, an explosives manufacturer in Pomona, Calif., who allegedly lied to the grand jury about his sales to Wilson and Terpil.

The indictment charges Wilson and Terpil conspired to sell the Libyan government explosives and timing devices and to hire demolition experts "necessary to make explosive devices and to teach others how to make explosive devices in a terrorist training project."

Wilson and Terpil allegedly shipped hundreds of pounds of explosives to Libya in 1976 and 1977.

The indictment said "one or more of these bombs killed several Libyans and injured three American employees" of Wilson, but did not elaborate on the circumstances. Sources said the explosion was an accident at a terrorist training site.

It is alleged the two men conspired to use their CIA association to hire an assassin to murder Umar Abdullah Muhayshi, a former member of the Libyan Revolutionary Council. Muhayshi had defected to Egypt.

The two ex-intelligence agents, in seeking to hire an American as an assassin, sought to leave the impression "that the planned murder was sponsored and supported by the CIA or some other government's intelligence agency," according to the charges.

Sources said the American rejected the \$1 million offer when, in a meeting with Wilson and Terpil in Geneva, he learned the United States was not behind the plot.